



IMPORTANT STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT FROZEN LIVE VIRUS VACCINES

ZOSTAVAX® [Zoster Vaccine Live]

The receiver must immediately open the container and store the vaccine in a freezer.

Store frozen at an average temperature of -15°C (+5°F) or colder prior to reconstitution for injection.

ZOSTAVAX® is packed with frozen gel packs in the shipping container. The quantity of frozen gel packs placed in the container is based on carefully determined guidelines. These Merck guidelines take into account the maximum temperature to which the container will be exposed, the time in transit and the need to keep the vaccine at the appropriate temperature during shipping.

Adequate refrigerant (frozen gel packs) was placed in this shipping container to maintain proper temperatures for THREE DAYS from the shipment date located on the packing list.

If the container is received after the time period described above, contact the Merck Order Management Center immediately for replacement instructions at 1-800-MERCK RX (1-800-637-2579). Such Requests for replacement must be received by Merck within 10 days of the original shipment.

- The vaccine is located in the lower compartment – **Store the vaccine in the FREEZER immediately.**

Any freezer (e.g. chest, frost-free) units that reliably maintain an average temperature of -15°C (+5°F) or colder and have separate sealed freezer doors are acceptable.

Store the diluent (located in the top compartment underneath the cardboard cap) in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C [36°C to 46°F]) or at room temperature (20°C to 25°C [68°F to 77°F]).